Drug addicts in the country

2193. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 155 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1987 and State:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are half a million drug addicts in the country; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that majority of them are students?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No National survey has been conducted and hence no estimate is available.

(b) Does not arise.

Regulation of water from Kota barrage

2194. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madhya Pradesh-Rajasthan Inter-State Control Board decided at its 9th meeting held on 30th October, 1981 to establish a field agency for regulation of water from Kota Barrage for these two States;

(b) if so, whether this agency has so far been constructed;

(c) if so, on what date and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the manner in which water regulation is being done at present in the absence of field agency as mentioned above, and whether it is satisfactory to both Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Board have now decided to consider establishing the field agency after watching the actual performance of the distribution of water in the irrigation year 1986-87.

Subsidy for deep Tube-wells

2195. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in certain parts of Madhya Pradesh, the sub-soil water level is receding at an alarming rate compelling the cultivators to go in for deep tube-wells in place of traditional dug-wells;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to sanction subsidy for deep tube-well also, on the same lines and scale, on which the subsidy is made available to the farmers for dug-wells; and

(c) whether the facility of subsidy so granted be made available to farmers irrespective of the fact that the tube-wells are dug by Government machines or not?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Groundwater Board has observed 0.22 to 1.64 metre per year decline in the water level during the period 1981-86 in certain parts of Madhya Pradesh. The declining trend is attributable to below normal rainfall and over-pumping of groundwater in these areas. Further, this declining trend may reverse during the year of normal rainfall or by regulating pumpage from groundwater structures.

(b) and (c) Under the Centrally sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small & Marginal Farmers for Increasing Agricultural Production, subsidy at the rate of 25 per cent for small farmers, 33-1/3 per cent for marginal farmers and 50 per cent for scheduled tribe farmers taking the unit cost of the project as fixed by NABARD for the different agro-climatic regions in the country for taking up minor irrigation including deep tube-wells/dug-wells is provided. The State Government may through its own agency undertake free